

# PUBLIC NOTICE City of North Miami

## **Housing and Social Services Department**

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c) (2) and subpart B of the Federal Regulations relative to citizen participation for federal block grant programs and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the City of North Miami is making an amendment to the city's FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan available to the public through this notice.

## Public Comment Period and Process:

This Action Plan amendment is available for a 5-day public review and comment period from **May 20, 2020** to **May 25, 2020**. Citizens wishing to submit written comments during the public review and comment period may mail them, postmarked no later than **May 25, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.** to the following:

### **Housing and Social Services Department**

Attn: Alberte Bazile, Director

776 NE 125th Street North Miami, FL 33161

You may also email comments no later than **May 25, 2020**, at 5:00 p.m. to **housing@northmiamifl.gov**, or visit the following locations:

North Miami City Hall at 776 NE 125th Street, North Miami, FL 33161
North Miami Customer Service Center at 811 NE 125th Street, FL 33161

Housing & Social Services Satellite office at 13753 NW 7th Avenue, North Miami, FL 33168

#### Proposed 1st Amendment to FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan

On April 2, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development informed the City of North Miami of an award of \$452,692 in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic, (CDBG-CV grants) which were made available through the CARES Act. Under the City's Citizen Participation Plan, as amended, a substantial amendment is required for the City of North Miami to quickly receive and administer these funds to meet the needs of our low- and moderate-income (LMI) households and individuals (80% or less of the Miami-Dade County Area Median Income). Under the proposed amendment, the CDBG-CV funds will be allocated by amending activities and adding as follows:

#### 1. Add Administration: \$ 45, 265.00

Allocate administrative and planning costs that are needed to develop or adapt and implement programs that address the impact of the coronavirus.

#### 2. Add Meal Assistance: \$90.000.00

Allocate funding to experienced meal providers to address food insecurity by providing delivered meals to North Miami residents with low- or moderate- income especially those that are in quarantine, the elderly, and those limited by social distancing guidelines due to the coronavirus.

#### 3. Emergency Rental Assistance \$157,427.00

Allocate funding for emergency rental assistance to low- or moderate- income residents affected by the pandemic due to lost or reduced wages through a program to be administered by the City's Housing and Social Services Department.

#### 4. Mental Health Assistance to COVID \$40,000.00

Allocate funding to experienced providers of mental health services for North Miami residents with low- or moderate- income impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

## 5. Workforce and Business Initiative Assistance \$120,000.00

Allocate funding to provide assistance to enable small businesses or microenterprises to invest and survive the mid and post coronavirus pandemic through working capital, technical assistance with digital tools, and workforce training to healthcare workers and technicians. Additional CDBG funding to be made available to the City of North Miami by HUD through the CARES Act is unknown as this time but will be used for the same purpose of the initial allocations indicated above which is to prevent the spread of coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) and assist eligible impacted communities, households, and persons.

Eligible CDBG activities include, but are not limited to, assisting low- and moderate-income households with rental assistance, grab and go/delivery meal programs, food distribution, business assistance to retain employees that are low- and moderate-income, and support of other COVID-19 response services.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE HOUSING & SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN FOUR (4) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING. TELEPHONE (305) 895-9895 FOR ASSISTANCE. IF HEARING IMPAIRED, TELEPHONE 711 OR YOU MAY CONTACT 1-800-955-8771 FOR THE FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE FOR ASSISTANCE.